Subject : Mexican Revolutionary coinage

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c/o The Anglo South American Bank,

117 Old Broad St.,

London.

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Howland Wood,Esq.,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway Between 155 & 156th Streets,
New York.
U.S.A,

Dear Sir,

I have a collection of 200 coins issued by Revolutionary factions in Mexico during the years 1913/1917, which I believe is the best and nearest to complete in existence. It contains quite a number that are not mentioned in your monograph and for some of the pieces (said to be the only known specimens) I paid rather a high price through Mr. Sanchez Garza and other collectors or dealers over a period of twenty years.

So far as I can see, I am not likely to return to Mexico and the collection therefore has not the same interest to me as formerly and I write to enquire if you or your Society or any of your members or a collector known to you would be interested in buying the lot without my breaking it up. The collection, which I think should be worth $2,500. U.S., includes the Oaxoca $60. Gold piece and the "Muera Huerta" $20. Gold piece and many others of interest.

Hoping to hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

S. Muirhead

January 21, 1936.

Mr. D. Muirhead
%The Anglo South American Bank
117 Old Broad St.
London, England.

Dear Sir:

I have read with much interest your letter concerning you desire to dispose of your Mexican Revolutionary coins. At the present time the collecting of these seems to be almost dead in this country and I am not acquainted with the situation in Mexico. Those I know here have either so many that they would not consider buying a collection or have ceased to collect, and I have heard of no one beginning a collection. As a rule it is very difficult to sell any collection as a whole.

We have the Oaxaca 60 Peso piece and I have been offered the gold Muera Huerta twenty dollar piece a couple of times. To tell you the truth I do not like this latter piece and think it is a fabrication made after the period of Muera Huerta pieces. If at any time you should break up the collection I wish you would let me know. Just now the only one I know of who would care to buy any single pieces is Mr. F. C. C. Boyd, 237 E. 20th St., New York City.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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Howland Wood Esq.
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Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter of 21st January and have written to Mr Boyd

I have just handed the collection to Messrs Glendining & C. 7 Argyll Street London W1. for sale by auction. They are going to make up a catalogue which will take some time and the sale will not take place for six or eight weeks yet.

Yours truly
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